

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

SUGIYAMA, M. et al.

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For: SEPARATOR FOR LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY AND LITHIUM ION  
SECONDARY BATTERY AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY PROVIDED  
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April 17, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW OFFICIAL ACTION**

Applicants request that the Official Action of March 14, 2006 be withdrawn as unauthorized.

A Request for Continued Examination filed February 7, 2006 and it applicants requested - and paid for - a three month suspension of action. The time purchased was to allow applicants the opportunity to prepare information and data in response to the Official Action of September 12, 2005 plus the comments contained in the Advisory Action of January 5, 2006.

Applicants have been frustrated in their intent by the untimely and unauthorized issuance of an Official Action.

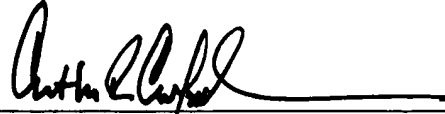
Applicants request that the Official Action of March 14, 2006 be withdrawn as it was mailed nearly two months prior to May 7, 2006 the expiration of the three suspension period applicants requested and paid for.

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Respectfully submitted,

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